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R. I. JOBS INCREASE 4,700 IN SEPTEMBER TO 403,800

Employment in Rhode Island rose seasonally in September, showing gains in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries, and posting the second largest monthly increase in employment this year, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 403,800 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-September. This represents a monthly increase of 4,700 jobs, and a yearly gain of 1,400 workers.

NONMANUFACTURING

The number of men and women gainfully employed in this State's nonmanufacturing industries rose by 3,400 in September to 276,100, the highest monthly level of the year.

The largest monthly gain was in the Services sector where 1,600 jobs were added to reach a yearly high of 88,400. The return of 1,900 workers in private educational institutions (a normal seasonal pattern) was the largest September addition in this sector, more than enough to offset seasonal losses in Amusement and Recreation facilities.

Employment in the Trades sector increased by 1,000 jobs in mid-September to 81,400. The Retail Trade segment led the increase with gains in Department Stores, Food Stores, Auto Dealers, and Apparel Shops, more than offsetting the seasonal losses in Eating and Drinking Establishments. The Wholesale Trade segment also showed an increase in employment during September.

Transportation and Public Utilities firms gained 600 workers over the month, mostly due to returning

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EMPLOYERS! NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, recently enacted into Federal law, contains provisions which significantly affect the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) program. Since 1979 TJTC has offered employers tax credits as an incentive to hire certain targeted groups of workers. The tax credit can total up to half of the first $6,000 in wages paid to such workers during their first full year on the job and one-quarter of the first $6,000 paid in the second year.

As an employer you cannot claim the tax credit until certification is made that the new worker meets eligibility criteria. And....vouchers must be issued before the potential employee begins work. You cannot claim the tax credit retroactive to the date the worker begins employment. The Federal legislation prohibits retroactive vouchering and certification.

Another targeted group has been added to the TJTC program. Former Public Service employees (PSE) who were paid off from CETA positions in 1981 can make the private employer who re-hires them eligible for the tax credit. The other seven targeted groups are:

- Youth 18 to 24 from economically disadvantagedd families.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.
- Handicapped referred by Vocational Rehabilitation or the VA.
- Vietnam-era veterans who are economically disadvantaged (no maximum age).
- General Assistance recipients (AFDC recipients effective January 1, 1982).
- Youth 16—19 in cooperative education programs.
- Ex-offenders, economically-disadvantaged, within 5 years of conviction or prison release.

As of October 1, 1981 DES is the only agency issuing vouchers for all target groups except youth in cooperative education programs who will continue to be certified by the school.

For more information on the TJTC program, call 277-3726 or contact the nearest office of the R. I. Job Service. To list your TJTC job orders call 277-6950.

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1980
Total Placements	2,081	2,829	2,320
New Applications	4,991	4,437	6,657
New Openings Received	2,436	5,004	4,050

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	% Change from Aug.
Initial Claims	8,075	8,795	— 8.2
No. of Payments	65,008	76,276	— 14.8
Amt.of Payments	$6,177,963	$7,082,980	— 12.8
Exhaustions	1,172	1,267	— 7.5

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	% Change from Aug.
Initial Claims	681	1,443	— 52.8
No. of Payments	6,936	9,927	— 30.1
Amt.of Payments	$703,981	$967,248	— 27.2

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED SEPTEMBER 1981

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	16,022	100.0
Men	8,144	50.8
Under 45	5,690	69.9
45 and over	2,454	30.1
Women	7,878	49.2
Under 45	5,070	64.4
45 and over	2,808	35.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,005	6.3
Manufacturing	7,228	45.1
Public Utilities	651	4.1
Trade	2,128	13.3
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	354	2.2
Service	3,384	21.2
All Other	1,272	7.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,809	17.5
Clerical and Sales	3,237	20.2
Service	1,094	6.8
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	89	0.6
Processing	976	6.1
Machine Trades	1,759	11.0
Bench Work	2,365	14.8
Structural Work	1,508	9.4
Miscellaneous	1,848	11.5
Not Available	337	2.1

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	462.2	456.0	463.2
Unemployment	35.3	37.9	37.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	8.3	8.0
Seas.Adjusted Rate	7.4	7.4	7.7

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	32,135	32,345	31,705
Unemployment	1,765	1,940	1,520
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	6.0	4.8

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	15,760	15,835	15,095
Unemployment	975	1,105	925
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.2	7.0	6.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1982. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
Johnston
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands			EMPLOYMENT Net Change From		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1980	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1980	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1980	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1980
ALL MANUFACTURING	127.7	126.4	127.5	+ 1300	+ 200	$242.48	$225.04	39.3	39.9	$6.17	$5.64
DURABLE GOODS	55.6	55.7	55.4	— 100	+ 200	272.63	255.02	39.8	41.0	6.85	6.22
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 100	248.20	223.86	36.5	39.0	6.80	5.74
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	— 200	288.48	261.75	39.9	42.7	7.23	6.13
PRIMARY METALS	8.0 †	7.9 †	7.7	+ 100	+ 300	302.16	275.36	44.5	43.5	6.79	6.33
FABRICATED METALS	10.0	10.0	9.7	0	+ 300	231.57	216.50	37.9	38.8	6.11	5.58
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	8.9	9.0	9.4	— 100	— 500	317.16	308.29	40.3	42.7	7.87	7.22
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	10.9	11.1	10.8	— 200	+ 100	231.00	219.69	37.5	39.3	6.16	5.59
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	— 200	313.29	284.28	40.9	41.5	7.66	6.85
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.1	4.9	+ 100	+ 300	255.82	230.92	39.6	40.3	6.46	5.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	72.1	70.7	72.1	+ 1400	0	220.95	202.41	38.9	39.0	5.68	5.19
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	— 200	238.75	230.37	38.2	36.8	6.25	6.26
TEXTILES	12.3	12.2 †	12.1	+ 100	+ 200	223.56	208.24	41.4	41.9	5.40	4.97
APPAREL	4.0	3.9	3.5	+ 100	+ 500	216.00	201.62	41.3	41.4	5.23	4.87
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0	231.87	223.69	39.3	41.5	5.90	5.39
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	6.0	5.4	— 100	+ 500	298.32	291.69	38.1	39.1	7.83	7.46
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 200	327.98	299.53	39.9	38.5	8.22	7.78
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.2	1.8	+ 100	— 500	242.48	218.90	39.3	39.8	6.17	5.50
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.2	5.1	5.3	+ 100	— 100	234.62	216.89	39.3	38.8	5.97	5.59
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.0	3.2	+ 200	0	169.65	154.28	37.7	38.0	4.50	4.06
JEWELRY SILVERWARE	25.0	24.1	25.4	+ 900	— 400	195.90	178.22	37.6	37.6	5.21	4.74
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	— 200	207.94	178.19	37.4	37.2	5.56	4.79

† LABOR DISPUTE

1980 FIGURES REVISED. 1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
AUGUST 1981

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL			ACCESSION RATES NEW HIRES			SEPARATION RATES TOTAL			SEPARATION RATES QUITS			SEPARATION RATES LAY-OFF RATES		
	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
MANUFACTURING	5.0	5.8	5.8	3.7	2.7	3.2	4.0	6.2	5.6	2.1	1.6	2.6	1.0	3.6	2.0
DURABLE GOODS	3.6	3.7	5.4	2.3	2.0	2.3	3.5	4.9	6.0	1.5	1.2	2.2	1.2	2.9	2.9
Primary Metals	2.1	3.3	5.0	1.7	2.0	1.4	2.3	5.9	7.5	1.0	0.8	2.2	0.9	4.2	4.9
Fabricated Metals	7.6	8.5	3.5	4.7	2.7	2.8	3.5	10.8	4.1	1.9	1.6	2.2	0.2	8.0	0.6
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.8	1.3	2.0	0.7	1.1	0.9	4.7	2.0	2.9	0.9	0.3	1.0	3.1	1.0	1.3
Electrical Mach.	2.9	3.5	7.9	2.1	2.5	1.9	5.4	5.0	10.8	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	6.7
Instruments-Optical	5.0	5.1	12.0	4.1	3.3	1.8	3.3	3.7	4.9	2.4	1.3	1.7	0.4	2.1	2.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.7	1.9	11.9	1.0	1.3	8.2	2.1	2.7	10.0	1.0	1.2	4.5	0.1	0.6	4.5
NONDUR. GOODS	6.1	7.4	6.1	4.8	3.3	3.9	4.4	7.3	5.3	2.5	2.0	3.0	0.8	4.2	1.3
Food-Beverage	3.6	1.5	8.6	1.9	1.5	3.9	5.5	30.7	4.4	1.0	2.6	2.4	1.0	27.9	0.9
Textiles	6.5	8.6	5.4	5.6	3.5	3.5	6.1	8.3	4.9	3.3	2.4	2.7	1.6	3.5	1.1
Apparel	7.4	15.3	3.8	5.7	8.9	1.6	5.7	10.3	6.0	1.8	2.2	1.2	2.2	7.2	4.1
Paper & Allied Prod.	5.1	10.7	6.4	4.4	2.5	4.4	4.0	11.9	4.9	2.6	2.2	3.3	0.1	7.5	3.5
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	7.0	3.2	8.1	4.8	1.8	3.4	4.3	3.2	4.6	2.6	1.5	2.8	0.2	0.4	0.3
Jewelry & Silverware	6.1	9.8	5.5	4.9	3.1	4.2	3.3	7.7	5.0	2.0	1.3	3.6	0.6	5.7	0.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	4.5	5.7	5.5	4.1	2.1	4.1	4.1	6.2	5.6	2.8	1.9	3.4	0.5	17.4	1.4

* RATES FOR AUGUST 1981 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JULY 1981 AND AUGUST 1980 ARE FINAL.
* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.
* * INCLUDES: PRINTING AND PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1980
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	403.8	399.1	402.4	+ 4,700	+ 1,400
MANUFACTURING	127.7	126.4	127.5	+ 1,300	+ 200
NONMANUFACTURING	276.1	272.7	274.9	+ 3,400	+ 1,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	13.3	13.1	— 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	12.7	13.4	+ 600	— 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	81.4	80.4	82.9	+ 1,000	— 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.1	21.2	20.9	— 100	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	88.4	86.8	85.8	+ 1,600	+ 2,600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.7	58.3	58.8 †	+ 400	— 100

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school bus drivers being added to private payrolls. This increase brings the employment level in September to 13,300.

Government payrolls increased by 400 jobs in mid-September, bringing the Government employment level to 58,700. The seasonal gains in returning school employees were partially offset by losses in Municipal government jobs, State government jobs, and Federal payrolls.

A loss of 100 jobs each was recorded in both Contract Construction and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. The mid-September employment level stands at 13,200 for Contract Construction and 21,100 for Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

MANUFACTURING

The number of manufacturing jobs in Rhode Island grew by 1,300 to 127,700 in mid-September. The current total represents an increase of 200 jobs over the past year.

Employment in the Durable Goods sector declined by 100 jobs in the month to 55,600 in mid-September, but showed an over the year gain of 200 jobs. Electrical Machinery reported a decline of 200 jobs in the month, bringing its total employment level to 10,900. A decline of 100 jobs in Nonelectrical Machinery was also reported, which brings the total employment in that industry to 8,900. Partially offsetting these losses, however, were gains of 100 jobs each in Primary Metals and Instruments, raising their employment levels to 8,000 and 5,200, respectively.

Nondurable Goods employment grew by 1,400 jobs over the month to a total of 72,100 – standing even with last year's employment level. The monthly gain was led by a seasonal increase in Jewelry/Silverware firms, which posted a 900 worker gain to reach a total employment level of 25,000. General business increases resulted in the addition of 200 jobs in Leather manufacturing, placing its total employment at 3,200. Textiles, Apparel, Rubber Products, and Plastics each reported increases of 100 jobs over the month.

September employment in Food-Beverages, Paper Products, Chemical Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing remained unchanged from the previous month, while Printing/Publishing employment declined by 100 jobs to a mid-September total of 5,900.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's production and related workers in manufacturing industries rose by 2 cents an hour over the month to $6.17 in mid-September - up 53 cents over last year's hourly rate.

Average weekly hours worked increased by .8 hours over the month to 39.3 - down .6 hours in the yearly comparison. Gross average weekly earnings were $242.48 in September, up $5.70 over the month and an increase of $17.44 over the year.

RHODE ISLAND
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(In Thousands)

	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	468.3	467.8	464.8
Unemployment	30.0	34.5	29.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	7.4	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.0	7.2	7.1

JOB BANK	277-3588
or Enterprise	2265
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-6950
Call-A-Teen	277-2964

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue	847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.	
Professional, Clerical & Sales	277-3579
Jewelry	277-3559
Manufacturing	277-3556
Construction	277-3556
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant	277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Rd.	294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 10	277-3521
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center, Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road.	737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

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